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Edward Francis Community Service Award for 2018

Peter Glennon, Chairman of the Board for Honor Flight Rochester, received the Rotary Club of Pittsford's Annual Edward Francis Community Service Award for 2018. The dinner held at the Highlands of Pittsford was attended by HFR flown veterans Roger Zaenglein, M50 and Joe Hammele, M56.

Both flown veterans took the microphone and expressed their full appreciation of Honor Flight Rochester.

Congratulations to Peter Glennon!



Welcome Home Mission 60

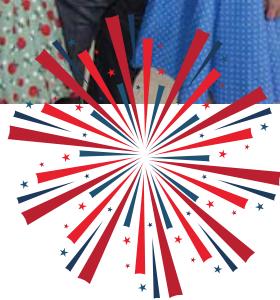
Honor Flight Rochester (HFR) welcome home celebrations are always inspirational, but the ones on Father's Day seem to be a bit more poignant as family members and the community gathered to greet returning veterans from their Honor Flight. The 60 veterans served during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and other eras. They served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and the Coast Guard.



Welcome Home Mission 60



All Honor Flight Rochester Photos can be found at
<https://honorflightrochester.shutterfly.com/>



Monroe Wheelchair

Honor Flight Rochester provides a wheelchair for each veteran who takes an Honor Flight. The veterans don't have to use a wheelchair, but one is available. Monroe Wheelchair now is storing, transporting and maintaining the wheelchairs so that HFR can concentrate on taking veterans on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

This gift-in-kind started when Doug Westerdahl, president, and CEO of Monroe Wheelchair, accompanied his father, Bruce Westerdahl, on HFR Mission 57 in October 2017. Bruce Westerdahl served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War (1952-55).

"I was fortunate to be my father's guardian," Doug Westerdahl said. "While on the mission, I spoke to several members of the Honor Flight Rochester leadership team and learned that managing wheelchairs was a challenge. I knew I had to help."

"Our wheelchairs are really the only hard assets that we own," said Peter Glennon, HFR chairman of the board. "It was challenging for us to store them between missions, maintain them and transport them to and from the airport. Doug Westerdahl and Monroe Wheelchair really helped us with their incredible generosity."

"This gift-in-kind helps us focus on veterans, takes a burden off of Honor Flight Rochester and ensures that our wheelchairs are well managed by professionals," said Rich Stewart, HFR president.

Monroe Wheelchair moved HFR's wheelchairs to its warehouse, where they were cleaned and refurbished. Doug Westerdahl had a local company replace all of the wheelchair backs with new upholstery sporting the HFR logo. Monroe Wheelchair stores the wheelchairs and transports them to and from the airport for each mission. It also repairs and replaces chairs for free.

"I am truly honored to help out this amazing program in this small way," Doug Westerdahl said.

Thank You for Your Support

On August 3rd Chuck and Dawn Hart's Lake Shore Country Club sponsored their Sixth Annual Golf Tournament. The tally is in for this year's event which will fund more than 60 veterans! Over the past six years cumulative donations total from this fantastic tournament has paid for 235 veterans to take their Honor Flights. Thank you Chuck and Dawn Hart.



Thank You for Your Support



MEGA THANK YOUS to Mike Stockman, Bob and Debbie Davis and the Victor American Legion James Cooke Post 931, Alex P Davis Casino Night, Town of Victor, and Victor's 28 supporting businesses & organizations. Many at this Victor Town Hall event were proudly wearing our orange shirts.

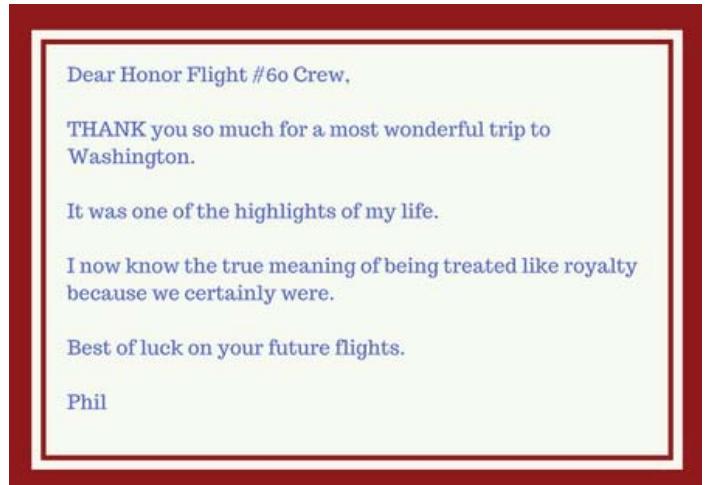
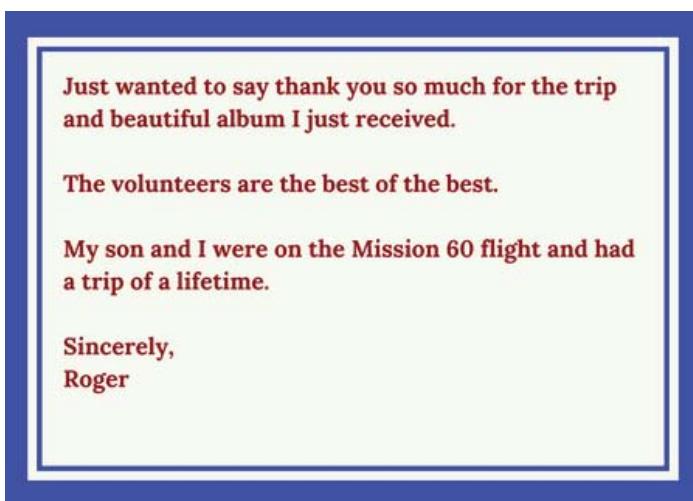
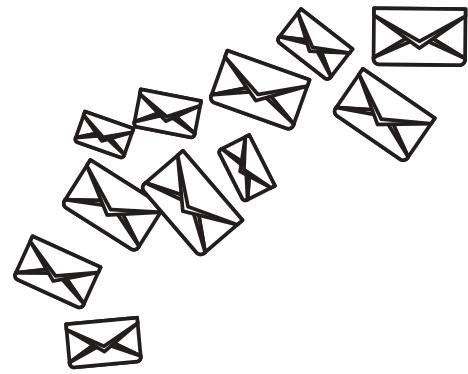
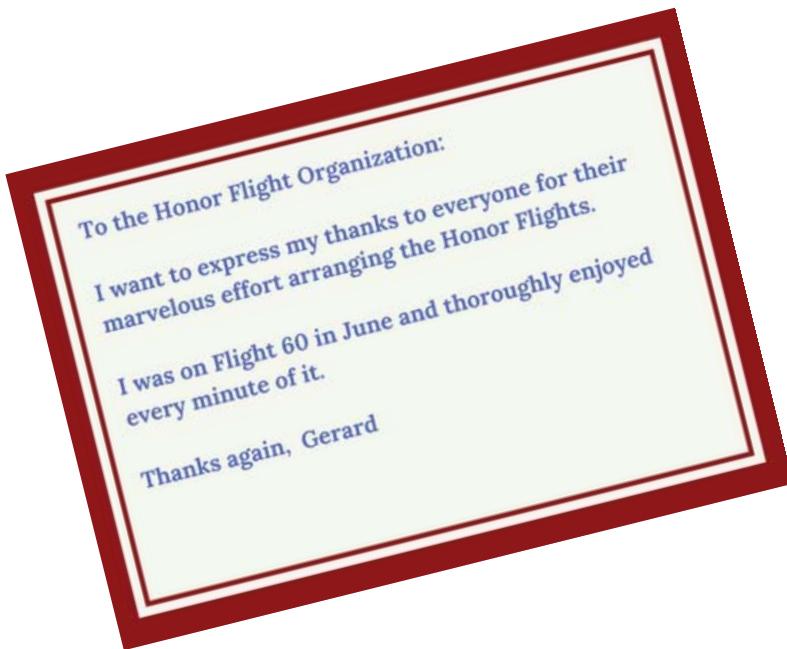


Sunday, July 28 was a beautiful day for Brasstacular, an annual benefit concert for Honor Flight. Some of the area's best brass bands, Jazz ensembles, and marching units performed. As one of our largest fundraisers, this event has already sent 180 veterans on the trip to Washington, D. C.

A big thanks to Tom Allen and to all who organized and participated in this event! It was a great time by all!



Mail Bag



Help Wanted!

IT Database and Systems Coordinator

Scope:

The IT Database and Systems Coordinator is responsible for all database and systems utilized by Honor Flight Rochester Inc.

Interface and point of contact between the Board of Directors and Leadership Team and all providers for maintenance, repair, change, upgrade and update.

The position is part of the Leadership Team, and reports to the President.

Responsibilities:

- o Maintain Contact Information for Honor Flight Rochester.org.
 - Email address change or update for all HFR contacts for system generated email or voicemail
- o Interface with Accelerate Media for database maintenance and or upgrade.
- o Oversee Honor Flight Rochester website and functionality.
- o Interface with website host (GoDaddy.com) for annual renewal contract.

Experience required:

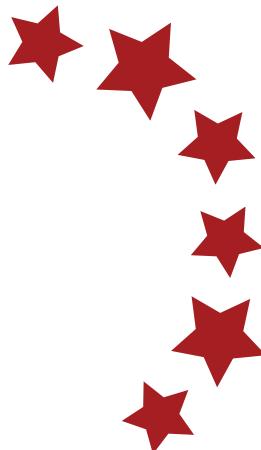
IT skills/background with good problem-solving ability.

This is a Leadership Team position. Interested candidates will be interviewed by the President prior to finalizing the selection.

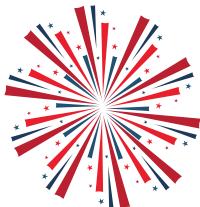


Upcoming Talks and Events

- Sept 2 Dingle Ball - Mickey's Bar and Grill
- Sept 10 BOMA Golf Tournament
- Sept- TBA Bayview YMCA - Speaking Engagement
- Oct 5 Elvis Night
- Oct 19 Health Fair - Beatrice Place
- Nov 10 3 Heads Brewery Fundraiser
- Nov 11 Order of the Eastern Star
- Nov 16 Skycoasters "Turkey Bash"

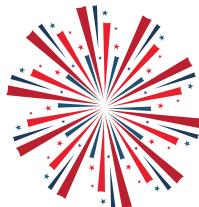


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President's Column

Our Emissary program began in 2016 when two well-known supporters, Don Alhart and Marion Mench, traveled on M50. They were neither flight crew nor honored veteran. Their purpose was to interact with multiple veterans to learn about our missions and then convey back to a much wider audience or circle of friends their experiences. The number of Emissaries is quite small, just about 2/3 of one percent of the people we transport.

Emissaries are selected based on their deep commitment to our community earned over many years. In return, our hope is they will expand HFR's reach and engage new people. Helping us find and fund more veterans is so important. Below are comments from emissaries.

"Jim and I would like to thank you for the awesome opportunity of traveling with Honor Flight... We count it an honor to be associated with such a worthy organization. My late husband John passed away from brain cancer that he got from Agent Orange in Vietnam; this trip was extra meaningful to me to see the Vietnam Wall..."

Traveling as an emissary I was able to see up close what it takes to put together a trip of this magnitude. The volunteers were over-the-top amazing... Mr. Peter Glennon was a huge help to my husband Jim and I as we picked his brain about how the trips are put together." **Sue Yonosko Emissary M60**

"I'll never forget the dozens of conversations I had with veterans... the two brothers... who served in Vietnam, the Korean War veteran who fought at Pork Chop Hill... and the centenarian... a combat engineer in Burma during WWII. It felt like I was talking to history.

Bottom line – I came away from my experience as an Emissary with a great appreciation for Honor Flight Rochester and its mission and will forever be an advocate." **-Jim Barger Emissary M59**

"It was a mission of respect, a mission of honor and a mission of healing. Being in the midst of our veteran heroes as myriads of people young and old paused to take a picture, share a story, and to thank our heroes for their services simply put... was overwhelming... I am forever indebted to your amazing organization for providing me the opportunity to see firsthand the incredible work done on behalf of our veterans.

Four years ago our beloved son Alex passed away at the age of 20. He had a deep and profound respect for our veterans through his experiences with American Legion James Cooke Post 931 in Victor, NY. I was asked to be an emissary because of this special bond and I felt his presence as I stood among these heroes. It has changed me and given me a perspective on life that I will cherish as long as I live. Thank you..." **Deb Davis Emissary M55**

"As Emissaries... Wow, what an experience! To be surrounded by so many veterans and the guardians was remarkable. Furthermore, we were blown away by the extent of organization and attention to detail these volunteers provided. This was by far one the best experiences we've ever had and will be forever grateful for the opportunity. Kudos to the entire crew of Honor Flight Rochester..." **Chuck & Dawn Hart M51**

We have 800 heroes awaiting their honor flight. We are in this for the long haul and do not want to let down any veteran. Our tagline is "We Leave No Veteran Behind." Emissaries help assure the future of Honor Flight Rochester.

And as always in my Column I want to thank the organizations listed here for some events from spring through July: Webster Cub Scout Pack 107, Constellation Brands, Geneseo Airshow, Fall 4R Vets, Shepard Home Golf Tourney, Valley Manor Fair, Summit Federal Credit Union "ROC the Taste," York Valley 5K & Golf Tourney, and the Ultimate Brasstacular at American Legion Post 468.

And one final note, a special thank you to John Burns for all he has done. He is leaving as Vice President of Operations and will be always a member of the Honor Flight Rochester family. In the interim Frank Vavrick is the Vice President of Operations and Dave Timmons is responsible for Accounts Payable. A formal search for the permanent position will begin later this year.
Thank you, volunteers, for keeping HFR flying.

Rich Stewart
President



Have a question, comment, or something to share?

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Thank A Veteran!